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18. The system of claim 15, further comprising a data-to-voice converter to convert data into voice.

20. An article including one or more machine-readable storage media containing instructions for establishing a text-based messaging session between subscribers in a plurality of communities, each community associated with a different service provider, the instructions when executed causing a system in a first community associated with a first service provider to:

- receive a request from a subscriber in a second community associated with a second service provider, the request indicating a desired text-based messaging session with a subscriber in the first community;
- notify the subscriber in the first community of the request;
- determine if the subscriber in the first community has accepted the request; and
- establish the text-based messaging session between the subscribers if the subscriber in the first community accepted.

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